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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1929-30

To the President of the University:

SIR: This report from the University Library for the year 1929-30 is made under exceptional circumstances. In June, 1929, Mr. Willard Austen, who had entered the service of the library as a student assistant, was retired by age from the librarianship. In April, 1930, Dr. Otto Kinkeldey, of the New York Public Library, formerly a professor in the University, was named to the position thus vacated. At the same time, Mr. E. R. B. Willis, assistant librarian, was advanced to the associate librarianship. Both these appointments are to take effect, August 1, 1930. During the intervening year the library has been in charge of a committee comprising Messrs. Willis and Halldór Hermannsson of its staff, and Professor Charles H. Hull. In addition to their obvious duty of continuing routine administration through the period of transition, the Committee have concerned themselves with the general condition and prospects of the Library, its housing, its financial support, its internal organization, and its character and relations as a collection of books maintained primarily for the immediate purpose of Cornell University. Some aspects of these questions accordingly claim a larger place in this year's report than has been customary.

THE BUILDING

As planned in 1889 the Library Building would accommodate over four hundred thousand volumes, or some five times what the University then possessed. This, it was calculated, should care for twenty-five years of normal growth with opportunity for "indefinite extension" of the book stacks held in reserve. The growth forecast was more than realized and much space originally intended for other purposes was converted to stack uses, notably the large lecture room in 1907 and the attics of the south and west wings in 1921-22. In 1924, Messrs. York and Sawyer were commissioned to draw plans for an ambitious extension which by converting practically the entire present building into book stacks and providing in the new part enlarged reading rooms and many other conveniences overlooked when our pioneer among library stack buildings was designed, should enable us to carry on for perhaps fifty years more. Meanwhile the library has been struggling against a congestion which grows more serious with each passing month. In many places books are now wedged so tightly into their shelves that they cannot be removed or replaced without physical damage. The effort to spare them slows up the service to readers and the staff is working otherwise at costly disadvantage in quarters planned for half its present insufficient number.

To this situation the new Library Committee gave its first attention, rendering extended report of its findings to the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, with a copy to the President, in November, 1929. It appeared that the time-honored practice of tucking in an additional book press here and there throughout the stacks was approaching its ultimate limit. Save for a few useful deep shelves on the top floor of the south stack, where large books on the fine arts are kept, neither wing can take care of any further shelving worth mentioning unless the bays are to be filled up where alone professors having access to the stacks can now consult a book without standing in a gangway. In several seminary rooms it is deemed possible to install additional shelving without gravely impeding current uses, but only by means of expensive gallery construction which would not advance their eventual utilization on the York and Sawyer plans. In the disused stair hall that leads down from the tower entrance to the former lecture room some four hundred shelves can be installed. While the additional shelving thus provided will be inconsiderable, this installation will afford, as an incident to its erection, direct access to the tower, where in the present emergency, many of the

library's books are stored. A thorough survey of the entire building showed, therefore, that there remains but one spot within the present walls where there is still opportunity for appreciable relief. We concluded, and the departments concerned readily agreed, that the part of the old lecture-room left unshelved in 1907 and long used by the Political Science Seminary is overlarge and unnecessarily lofty for that purpose. All the lower half and two-thirds of the upper might be filled with stack shelves and the seminary still be more agreeably accommodated than in its existing cavern. The Committee therefore obtained estimates for shelving this room and the room adjacent to the tower and connecting them with the existing stacks as practically the last places in the building where space can be found for books without displacing readers. When the larger measure of relief which the Committee proposes as its major recommendation was found impossible of attainment this year, the shelving of these two rooms was advised as the least that could be done toward caring for the accessions of the ensuing year. Appropriation has now been made for the immediate execution of these plans.

No means whatever was discoverable within the walls for the enlargement of the reading-rooms or the staff work room. The reading-room problem is clearly insoluble short of the York and Sawyer extension, or of a wholly new library building. But additional shelf room and workroom can be secured, as shown in our November report, by a temporary extension of moderate cost, adequate to carry about four years' accessions at the current rate before the congestion will again reach its present pitch. Repeated conference and reflection upon this plan convinces us that it is the best, and perhaps the only way of keeping the building reasonably convenient for use until radical relief for a longer future can be effected upon some well considered plan. We therefore summarize the proposal here, omitting detailed explanations. Briefly, an annex to both stack wings, intercommunicating with them on all floors by utilizing existing window openings as interior doorways, can be erected and occupied in the south and west re-entrant angle outside the present building without any disturbance to current operations within it. Only two walls and a roof are required to complete this temporary stack. By planning it slightly shorter than the existing wings, space can be left to build without obstruction the permanent walls of the York and Sawyer extension, when once financed. The books in the temporary structure will remain fully usable. Eventually they and the shelves that carry them, being interchangeable standard units, can be readily transferred into the new permanent extension, whereupon two temporary walls and the roof must be removed, as the space becomes a light court. Meanwhile the temporary structure will stand in a relatively secluded situation, hardly altering the familiar mass of the present building. And besides furnishing the needed book space, it can indirectly provide staff space also. By installing on the top floor, the furniture now in the Philosophical seminary room, that space, adjacent to the cataloguing room can be released to make library offices and the present librarian's office easily added to the work space by removing the screen that separates them. All in all this plan promises such variety of needed relief at so small a cost, that the Committee hopes that it may receive early approval and prompt execution.

On the York and Sawyer plan the Committee refrains from passing judgment. It strongly recommends that it be made the starting point of a thorough-going survey to determine whether that plan or a new building will best serve the ends of the whole university. All the other plans mentioned are mere makeshifts and palliatives. The Committee has at every point been brought face to face with the fact that it is not in such fashion that the library can fulfill its duty to the university. We think that the time for patching up the library building has gone by and that the Trustees and the Faculty ought at once to recognize the library's problem as one demanding heroic treatment.

SUPPORT

The insufficiency of the customary appropriations granted the library, especially of the book funds, was detailed in a report which we made in January, as a response to the usual call for budgetary estimates. It showed that while prices of books and the cost of binding them had risen, since 1912, by at least seventy-five per

cent, the library's means of paying for them had increased but fourteen per cent, leaving its book funds effectively but two-thirds what they were before the World War. In consequence we were able to buy in 1929-30, but 5627 volumes against 7514 bought in 1912-13, a falling off of over twenty-five per cent. Thus we are losing in relative importance. For years we held fourth place among our academic rivals, outnumbered only by much older libraries in the east. Last year, however, a recent university library in the west outstripped ours. And if present rates of growth continue, we shall be surpassed by three more in the next three years, falling from fourth place to eighth. This prospect is readily understandable since, among American college libraries, we now stand but nineteenth in the amount expended for books. Size, to be sure, is less significant than quality in measuring libraries. But neither our size nor our quality can be maintained upon insufficient funds. If we look within, our handicap is no less evident. Since 1912 the total budget of the endowed University at Ithaca has expanded more than threefold. The library's share has grown less than one-third as fast; its book funds but fourteen per cent. This discrepancy is greater than we had imagined and it was in hope of learning the reason for it that we examined at some length, in our budget report of last January, the story of the principal library funds, particularly of the largest among them.

In 1906 the library had received from the estate of the first librarian, Willard Fiske, a residuary bequest exceeding half a million dollars. By his will the income from sixty-one thousand dollars was assigned for the support of the well known collections of books which he also gave us. Upon the remaining "free income" normally in excess of twenty thousand dollars a year, he imposed no such restrictions as attached to the Sage book purchase fund, but directed only that it be "expended for the use of the library." Throughout the ensuing five years only the smaller income explicitly allotted was expended even in part for the purchase of books. The entire "free income" was applied to other library expenses, which had previously constituted a charge upon the general resources of the University. Thus, a corresponding sum was annually released for purposes alien to the library.

Under the liberal language of the will this course was unquestionably lawful. That it gave due regard to the full intent of Professor Fiske is less clear. His executor, Mr. Ira A. Place considered it "perfectly obvious that it was his intent and desire to confer a special benefit on the library, as distinguished from other departments of the University," and, having become an alumni trustee, he promptly suggested "that the full income from the residuary estate should be devoted to the purchase of books, periodicals, and bindings to the extent that may be necessary or required to provide for the reasonable growth of the Library in a degree that will correspond to the needs and growth of the University." Thus was formulated in 1912 a controlling principle for library support which our Committee suggests that the University at length adopt. It seems to us inconceivable that President White or Mr. Henry W. Sage, or Professor Fiske, in assuring to the library a minimum of support, for a moment imagined that he was contributing to impose a maximum. Such, however, was the practical result. A Committee of the trustees after considering Mr. Place's suggestion, reported "their belief that, for the present, the addition of one-third of the free income will meet the reasonable needs of the Library," and it was ordered accordingly that "until further action one-third of the income from the residuary estate of Willard Fiske be available for the purchase of books and periodicals and for binding." If read attentively, this may seem to contemplate that more than one-third of this shall be so used whenever the reasonable needs of the library may require it. That intention, however, was somehow lost sight of and the library's growth continued to depend upon the fortuitous yields of stationary funds.

In view of this experience the Committee now urgently recommends that, as with other parts of the University, appropriations for books be proportioned directly to the need for them. The initial step, it seems to us, toward showing thus a "due regard to the full intent of Professor Fiske," might be to charge all administrative expenses of the library, except those for his collections, once more upon the general resources of the University, as was the known practice when he wrote his will. Such a restoration of his free bequest to the part of the University

which he obviously desired to benefit will not be too much to restore its prestige. It may prove to be not enough. But in any event our plea is that the University abandon the habit, no less real if unconscious, of considering the library as something extrinsic, dropped by lucky chance upon the campus, but expected to be self-supporting at all times. Rather that it be recognized for what it is; the most costly and most distinguished item of our educational equipment, interpenetrating our entire organization and therefore entitled to be treated with the same freedom and generosity that are shown when other vital parts of the university are under consideration.

ORGANIZATION

The problem of an adequate library staff the Committee finds to be radically involved in the problems of housing and support. In the absence of sufficient working space no deep-seated re-organization of the force is feasible. Allotment to the library of increased funds for the purchase of books will make imperative an enlargement of the staff. The whole question will be found to form an essential part of the survey urged by the Committee in its chapter on housing.

For the present, even at the risk of crowding, two members should be added to the staff—a cataloguer and an assistant reference librarian who, in addition to other duties shall be charged with the supervision of the library at night.

ADEQUACY AS A COLLECTION OF BOOKS

By an enquiry addressed to professors the Committee sought in May, 1930, to learn how fully the library is serving its purpose as a tool of the university. Eighty-eight replies were received. We wish here to express our thanks to those who showed themselves willing to suffer the annoyance of yet another "questionnaire." Their replies form a body of distinguished criticism of the library as a collection of books. They cover practically all disciplines and will long continue, we feel sure, to be of help to library administrations in their efforts to make the library serve the varied interests of the university community.

No group of replies is more thought-provoking for our library than those concerning multiple copies of books for use by undergraduate classes. There was nothing in our enquiry referring explicitly to "duplicates." Nevertheless a demand for them is numerously voiced and from quarters superficially most diverse; from professors of language and literature (especially English and public speaking), of philosophy and education, of history and political science, of architecture, of home economics, and of forestry. These teachers, however, share a common predicament: theirs are not "laboratory subjects." For physics and chemistry as for biology and engineering in their multifarious branches, the University provides ample laboratories on the Campus. For an equivalent the protesting group turns to us, the Library. That is their laboratory; their Baker Hall and their Rockefeller, their Stimson and Roberts and McGraw, their Lincoln and their Rand, all rolled into one. This aggregated laboratory they find deficient not only in housing (as the whole university agrees) but also in equipment necessary for their work. A professor puts their common case with clearness: "One of the chief defects of the library concerns undergraduates. The defect is not in the number of books. Undergraduates do not need a great number or variety of books. The difficulty arises from the fact that a great number of students need much the same books at the same time. In the sciences it is taken for granted that each student must be supplied with a desk and sufficient equipment to do the laboratory work assigned. . . No student can study history to much purpose unless he has easily accessible a certain number of books for whatever topic he may be studying. . . It should at least be possible. . . to have. . . sufficient duplicates of the books that are most widely used. This situation applies not only to history, but to every field of the humanities in which the students are expected (conventionally) to use many books in the Library. The fact is that most undergraduates rely very largely on the one text prescribed. Of course many of them would not use the Library in any case. But many would use it to

good effect if the facilities for obtaining the books they needed were adequate. At present the obstacles are so great that only the very exceptional student is sufficiently persistent to overcome them."

Obviously a large issue is here involved. It is in part a question of educational method and policy. It is also a question of Library policy, in fact a question of co-ordination between such policies. The policy of the library like all our educational policies has always been determined by the limitation of funds. It has also been determined by the character of its collections and of its ensuing obligations. These and the dispositions of our first librarians made it a "learned library" and confirmed here the policy which is traditional and defensible with university libraries, that they be learned and scholarly. That meant many books and few duplicates. It meant also the foreign language of original issue and prompt purchase for many famous books whose position was only gradually so established as to justify publishers in bringing out English translations which in many cases we eschewed, having the original which was assumed sufficient for scholars. This policy was appropriate when the library was the faculty's. But the practices have developed other library-laboratories, used by many undergraduates, most of whom must confine their reading to the vernacular and many of whom are not scholars and never will be. The duty of the library in the premises would seem to be clear. It would be intolerable if in carrying it out the present inadequate funds for the purchase of scholarly books should be curtailed in order to provide these needed duplicates. In some universities express provision is made by the administration for the purpose without touching the stated funds of the library. The Committee recommends that that course be followed here.

As an instrument of research it may fairly be said that the replies as a whole find the library more satisfactory in its present condition to the demands of professors dealing with long established subjects or with historical aspects of newer disciplines, though most feel the need of more periodicals in their fields. It is significant that professors find the subjects collateral to their own adequately provided for. In their own fields many feel the need for more material for research both for themselves and for their graduate students. The feeling, also, is general that the currently appearing literature is no longer adequately supplied and that the funds allotted to departments and which in most cases have remained unchanged for many years, are now insufficient.

It is abundantly evident, therefore, that the growing university demands growth of its library and that no stationary policy will long continue to satisfy it.

CHARLES H. HULL
HALLDÓR HERMANSSON
E. R. B. WILLIS

APPENDIX

RECORD OF WORK FOR THE YEAR 1929-30

ACCESSIONS

The following table shows the books added during the year to the several groups that constitute the university libraries and their present extent.

<i>Libraries and Special Collections</i>	<i>Volumes Added</i>	<i>Present Extent</i>
General Library.....	14,862	550,800
Anthon Collection, purchased 1868.....		6,770
Bopp Collection, purchased 1868.....		2,014
Sparks Collection, purchased 1872.....		5,717
White Historical Library, gift 1891.....		23,177
Zarncke Collection, gift 1883.....		13,000
British Patents, gift 1868.....		3,108
Fiske Dante Collection, gift 1893.....	119	9,986
Fiske Petrarch Collection, gift 1905.....	46	4,293
Fiske Icelandic Collection, gift 1905.....	507	18,536
Wason Collection, gift 1918.....	129	12,308
St. John Wordsworth Collection, gift 1925.....	297	2,000
Volumes of C. U. Theses Deposited.....	116	8,551
Philological Seminary Collection.....	5	1,097
Philosophical Seminary Collection.....	8	974
German Seminary Collection.....		769
French Seminary Collection.....		24
Latin Seminary Collection.....	1	326
American History Collection.....	2	622
Manuscripts.....	17	854
Maps in Cornell University Library.....	8	1,102
C. U. Plans deposited.....		200
U. S. Coast Survey charts.....		950
U. S. Geological Survey Topographical sheets.....		3,595
U. S. Geological Survey Atlases.....		215
British Geological Survey Maps.....		600
General Law Library.....	1,636	54,193
Moak Law Library, gift 1893.....		12,500
Flower Veterinary Library, gift.....	179	8,363
Barnes Hall Library, gift.....	175	3,202
Goldwin Smith Hall Library.....	54	3,283
*Hart Memorial Library.....	9	4,531
Van Cleef Memorial Library.....	176	2,930
Comstock Memorial Library.....	29	1,214
Kuichling Collection, gift 1919.....		2,139
Architectural College Library.....	110	1,891
Economics Laboratory Collection.....		340
Entomological Laboratory Collection.....		2,403
Prudence Risley Hall Collection.....		814
Gray Memorial Library.....	12	640
Chemistry Library, Special.....	52	179
N. Y. S. College of Agriculture Library.....	6,064	61,231
N. Y. S. Forest College Library.....		1,181
N. Y. S. Plant Pathology Collection.....		424
Physics Library.....	84	1,250

*This library has not heretofore been reported among the department libraries. Its contents are now added for the first time to the total holdings of the University Library.

Miss Ingersoll reports that of the total additions to the General Library of 14,862 volumes, 9235 were gifts and 5627, purchases.

Among the important purchases by the Library were the Gaimard Voyages en Scandinavie and the Voyages en Islande et au Groenland. Also extensive additions to our collection of Fine Arts, for the use of the College of Architecture, were made possible by \$3,500 from a fund given by the Carnegie Corporation.

The following periodicals were added:

Annales de l'Est. 1887-1909.
 Annales de micrographie. 1888-1898.
 Archiv der Pharmazie. 1847-1930.
 Bonplandia. 1853-1862.
 British Bee Journal. 1873-1926.
 Condor. 1899-1928.
 Electrical Review (London) 1906-1928.
 Hamburger Garten-u. Blumenzeitung 1858-87.
 Manchester Historical Association. Collections. Volumes 1-12.
 Revue botanique du Nord de la France. 1888-95.
 St. Petersburg Academy. Commentarii. 1728-1751.
 Société d'études scientifiques d'Angers. Bulletin. 1871-1895.

No matter how well provided with funds the library may be, a widespread interest among alumni and friends shown in the donation of books and money will always be to it a source of strength. In its present straitened state these gifts have been especially welcome. How numerous they have been the list of donors appended to this report will show.

The tradition of great gifts of specially selected collections to which the library has owed so much of its strength, begun by Ezra Cornell, Andrew D. White, and Willard Fiske, has in recent years been carried on by the great gift of C. W. Wason, '76, of his Chinese Collection, with funds for its support, by the bequest of Benno Loewy of his library of more than fifty thousand volumes, and by Victor Emanuel, '19, who in 1925 provided funds for the purchase of the distinguished collection on Wordsworth gathered by Cynthia Morgan St. John. Mr. Emanuel has this year made generous provision for the systematic increase of this collection for the next two years.

To the late Mrs. Robert Staples Collyer the library is indebted for the gift of the manuscript of Lowell's Essay on Wealth. Rev. Minot Simons in transmitting this unique item writes:

"Mrs. Collyer has desired to give [this manuscript] to your library as a memorial for her husband's father, the Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer."

Two gifts from Miss Mary Emily Cornell, her Autobiography and some books from the library of Ezra Cornell, come to enrich the growing collections of early history of the university and of mementos of the Founder.

From Professor Melville Best Anderson, '74, have come the four volumes of his translation of the Divine Comedy. The books in binding and printing are monuments to the art of Mr. John Henry Nash, printer. Mr. Nash has presented as his own gift his beautiful edition of the Psalms.

To those old and unfailing friends of the library, Mr. William F. E. Gurley, '77, and Mrs. Gurley, the annual acknowledgment has to be made. In spite of its considerable holdings of Shakespeareana so much increased by the riches of the Loewy Collection, Mrs. Gurley has been able to add 54 Shakespeare items this year that are new to the library, including five editions illustrated by Kenny Meadows. From Mr. Gurley have come seven miscellaneous volumes and many booksellers' catalogues.

Mr. Henry J. Patten, '84, as so often before, has come to our aid again this year with the purchase of a number of sumptuous volumes which, though published for the bibliophile and amateur, are indispensable to scholars who are working here. The books provided by Mr. Patten's gift are:

Ebersolt. *Le miniature byzantine.*
 Martin. *La miniature française.*
 D'Ancora. *La miniature italienne.*
 Millar. *English illuminated manuscripts.*
 Illuminated Manuscript in the British Museum, ed. G. F. Warner.
 Herbert. *Schools of illumination in the British Museum.*
 Beatty. *Catalogue of Manuscripts.*
 Rand. *Manuscripts of Tours.*

Mr. Patten has also provided for the firing of the unbaked clay tablets in the collection that he gave to the library several years ago. This work was done by Dr. Edward Chiera of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, who at the same time made and furnished to the library valuable translations of the contents of the tablets.

To Mrs. Harriet A. Mead the library is indebted for nine volumes,—welcome additions to the Wordsworth Collection.

Most gratifying is the interest displayed in the library by retiring professors who have this year given to us generously from their libraries. From Professor McDermott we have received many books and journals dealing with marine engineering. From Professor Nichols, 16 lava medallions and a considerable number of books on physics with some learned periodicals. From Dean Hammond many books on philosophy and literature, an autographed set of the works of Charles G. D. Roberts, and other autographed works. An autographed copy of Major Putnam's *A Prisoner of War in Virginia, 1864-5*, also included in Dean Hammond's gift, is especially interesting here because of a letter inserted giving Major Putnam's account of the writing by the late Professor Hart of his book on German Universities.

We have to thank the public spirit of Mr. Henry Saperstein of the Ithaca Theatres, Inc., for ten manuscript volumes of the annals of the Lyceum Theatre in Ithaca.

A gift of widespread interest to Cornell Alumni comes from Mr. L. C. Bement whose manuscript volume recording the names and sentiments of old students re-visiting Cornell now finds its final resting place in the library.

From Mr. C. H. Belden, '99, have been received 17 valuable volumes of the publications of the Egypt Exploration Fund which though duplicates of books already in the General Library are most welcome to the Architectural Library.

From Dr. H. P. DeForest, '84, 30 volumes on medical subjects..

From Mr. John P. Young, '94, two rare works on Botany.

From the Estate of Claude P. Bender, '92, valuable books, chiefly in mathematics and astronomy.

From Mr. Alex Dow, 70 volumes of the Electrical Review.

From Mr. Stevens L. Werner, '28, two hundred volumes of recent literature.

From Mr. H. S. L. Wiener, '30, 30 volumes of recent literature.

As in previous years the library has richly benefited by the generosity of professors who have supplied it regularly with learned periodicals and publications of learned societies. For this great service we have to thank Professors A. A. Allen, L. H. Bailey, F. A. Barnes, S. L. Boothroyd, G. L. Burr, C. R. Crosby, R. C. Cushman, S. H. Gage, G. D. Harris, C. H. Hull, J. F. Mason, F. K. Richtmyer, S. N. Spring, G. F. Warren, P. J. Weaver, W. F. Willcox, A. H. Wright, and Messrs. Willard Austen, S. H. Burnham, D. F. Hoy, and Dr. A. C. White.

CLASSIFICATION AND SHELF DIVISION

Number of volumes classified.	11,745
Number of volumes reclassified.	33
Number of presses added.	27
Number of presses shifted.	381

By a small grant from special funds and by the diversion to this use of part of its own meagre expense fund to the detriment of other services, the library has managed to add 27 steel wall presses in the little unused space remaining. Mr.

de Grassi reports that with the help of these new presses, and by removing as many books as possible from their proper places and shelving them in the Reading Room, space has been found for the year's accessions.

CATALOGUE DIVISION

Number of volumes and pamphlets catalogued.....	17,912
Number of maps catalogued.....	84
Number of manuscripts catalogued.....	61
Number of titles added to catalogue.....	10,459
Number of written cards added.....	16,300
Number of printed cards added.....	12,534
Number of Library of Congress cards received and filed.....	43,184
Number of Harvard cards received and filed.....	1,920

The library has been enabled by the President and Trustees to employ funds, budgeted for another purpose but unexpended, to obtain for the year additional help in the work of cataloguing and accessioning books, chiefly from the great collection received under the bequest of the late Benno Loewy. From this collection 3306 volumes have been catalogued during the year, as well as 297 from the Wordsworth Collection. In consequence Miss Speed is enabled to report for this division a greater number of volumes catalogued than in any previous year. Thousands of volumes, however, still remain uncatalogued. Without enlargement of the present staff it will be years before they can be added to the records of the library and made available for the use of readers.

In the same way the library has been provided with means for cataloguing its manuscripts and for correcting cards previously made. Fortunately this work could be done by Mr. R. W. Tucker, Instructor in Classics, under the supervision of Professor Burr. It resulted in the examination of 88 mediaeval manuscripts of which 34 are now catalogued for the first time, and 24 re-catalogued.

PERIODICAL DIVISION

Periodicals currently received:

By subscription.....	1,282
By gift and exchange.....	1,115
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	2,397

Volumes of periodicals bound.....3,253

Number of volumes kept on open shelves.....	3,620
Current periodicals on open shelves.....	759
Issued for temporary home use.....	559

A considerable addition to the normal work of the division has been involved in the preparation of the first supplement to the Union List of Serials, which requires a report on all periodicals acquired by the Library since January, 1925.

The report of Miss Leland for this division records her observation that it has been impossible for the staff now provided to ensure the regular receipt of gifts and exchanges, by claiming promptly numbers not received. This work must be done first for the Library's paid subscriptions. To do it as thoroughly for gifts and exchanges will require additional help. With such help provided and with a more liberal allotment to the library of the scholarly publications of the university faculty, a great increase in valuable accessions may be expected. The Library has to acknowledge in this connection the important and welcome action of the Director of the Department of Chemistry, Professor Dennis, in putting at its disposal for purposes of exchange the valuable series of lectures proceeding from the George Fisher Baker Non-Resident Lectureship in Chemistry.

READERS DIVISION

The Library has been open during the year for 308 days. In term time it is open from 7:50 A.M. to 10:30 P.M., except on Sundays.

The borrowers registered number 2,131 of whom 1,085 are students.

RECORDED USE

Reading room.	107,928
Seminary rooms.	3,738
Laboratories and Departments..	4,495
Home use.....	41,681
Lent to other libraries.....	775
Borrowed from other libraries.	202

The above tables record the use of books from the regular library collections. In addition to the circulation there shown should be mentioned the use made by borrowers of a special collection of current books, chiefly fiction, which was established for the first time this year. Started with a small shelf of 20 or 30 titles it has increased during the year to 84 volumes which have been withdrawn 2,089 times. These books are required to be returned at the end of a week and only one is issued to a borrower at a time. Books were chiefly purchased from the money obtained from fines or from the income of the Howland bequest. The collection, however, has attracted gifts from faculty, students, and townspeople.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Professor Hamilton, the Curator, reports the addition of 165 volumes to the Fiske Dante and Petrarch Collections.

The most important acquisition made during the current year is the reproduction of the Codex Ambrosianus of Virgil, issued on the occasion of the second millennium of the poet's birth. It is a manuscript written at Florence in the last years of the thirteenth century, containing extensive notes by Petrarch upon the text and commentary of Virgil's poems, his autobiographical notes, and the reproduction in colors of the painting of Simone Martini.

Professor Hermannsson, Curator of the Fiske Icelandic Collection, reports the addition of 507 titles to the collection.

No report can be made of the additions to the Wason Collection for the year in the absence of the Curator. It is to be hoped that important titles are to be added shortly, however, as a result of Miss Gaskill's purchases in China.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- Abbott, A. M., Coconut Grove, Fla.
 Abell, F. D., Morristown, N. J.
 Academia Nacional de Artes y Letras,
 Habana, Cuba
 Acheson, A., New York City
 Adelphi Company
 Albert, Mrs. C. D., Ithaca
 Albert Emanuel Library
 Allen, A. A., Ithaca
 Alpha Phi Quarterly
 Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity, Mans-
 field, O.
 Altio, K. F., New York City
 American Artisan and Hardware
 Record
 American Contractor
 American Council on Education
 American Federationist
 American Fruit-Growers Magazine
 American Jewish Committee
 American Journal of Psychiatry
 American Medicine
 American Society of Civil Engineers
 American Stone Trade
 American Telephone and Telegraph
 Company
 American Water Works Association
 Amerika-Institut, Berlin
 Amherst College Library
 Anderson, M. B., Los Angeles, Calif.
 Andrews, J. V. H., Raleigh, S. C.
 Antivenin Institute of America
 Arctowski, Henryk, Lwów, Poland
 Armstrong, H. F., New York City
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